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Our Mission.

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Our Mission

The great Architect who inhabiteth Eternity; who created the Universe. after having brought our world from chaos, through a succession of changes to a state of beauty and perfection, crowned his great work with the creation of Man.

He was above all, he was like all the Creators works good and great.

Great intellectually. he was able to comprehend the great work of creation intuitively.

He was morally great. he was made in the image of God and was like him. he was made subject to law.

and when he obeyed that law he was happy. he knew no ill, no suffering. he was immortal.

But when he transgressed the law of God, then, as a necessary consequence of that transgression, he brought death, sin, and suffering into the world and since the first great transgression, the world has been the scene of constant evil both moral and physical. depravity suffering and death

Our Mission is mainly to man physically, and a noble mission it is.

Ever since suffering entered the world, the sympathy,

the care, and the aid of others has been needed for each and all.

However independent we may be when in health and surrounded by favorable circumstances, when relentless disease lays his iron grasp upon us, then we need and must have aid and support independent of ourselves.

This great want of our nature, has caused the indespensible necessity for our great and noble calling.

Ever since human suffering was first endured, the sympathy, the benevolence, the kind heartedness of some, have induced them to do all in their

power to relieve that suffering.

This same interest in the welfare of others, has existed in the hearts of a noble few, through all the ages of time until the present.

This desire to ameliorate the condition of suffering humanity, to do good by restoring health to the afflicted, thereby causing joy and happiness we conceive to have been the origin of our mission.

The same noblehearteduess, and unselfish devotion to the interests of humanity, have characterized every one who has made any advancement or discovered any real

improvement in medical knowledge.

As an instance look at our immortal Hahnemann. who we delight to honor. to venerate. and almost adore. with his powerful intellect cultivated to almost its fullest capacity. his mind stored with almost superhuman wisdom.

See him devote all these great powers to the work of discovering the only great truth of medical knowledge. and reducing it to a Science.

What prompted him to this great this wonderful achievement.

It was not the

desire for pecuniary reward, nor for worldly fame, or honor. these awaited him, and might have been his, but they lay in an opposite direction.

It was his unselfish noble soul in all its greatness that gushed out in sympathy and love for Mankind, that prompted him to this noble work.

He desired to save the lives, to relieve the sufferings, to ameliorate the condition of his family and friends, not only, but also the millions that would receive his great truths.

And notwithstanding he was persecuted, and insulted, and hunted down by his enemies

during his life. and has
been misrepresented and
villified by them since his
death. and has been betrayed
and dishonored by some of
his professed friends. Yet
the time will come when the world
suffering humanity will rise
up and call him blessed.

The same great principles
that originated our Profession
have been and ever will be
the great motives that actuate
those who choose it as their own.
And any man that makes
that choice on any lower ground
is a disgrace to the Profession
and therefore unworthy of it.
There are those that choose

this calling. from merely mercenary considerations.

We admit there are certain pecuniary emoluments connected with the Profession. and there should be, for "the laborer is worthy of his hire".

But if we have such limited, and groveling views of the Physicians calling. and are actuated by them in choosing it, we never can honor the Profession and have mistaken our calling

There are responsibilities and duties devolving upon the Physician. which none but a pure minded, noble. & strong man can realize and discharge

To illustrate, let us look at a Physician in his daily routine labors.

He is suddenly called to attend a nervous, retiring modest young woman in her first labor. he never saw his patient before. How she dreads his presence and services in her present condition.

If he possess the proper qualifications both natural and acquired, how soon he can assure his patient by his demeanor that he pities her in her unpleasant situation. that he has come to sympathise with her as a friend not only, but to do her all the good in his power

How soon are her feelings changed, her dread and shrinking, to respect and confiding reliance.

Now the battle has commenced and the victory is half won.

But some new difficulty presents itself, something differing from any of his former experience, and he at once recognizes it and the danger but he is calm, never evincing any alarm or fear.

His mind rapidly runs back to his beloved "Alma Mater" to the lecture room, to the Professor, and he recollects the instructions and lucid illustrations there given, and now aided by these and by

his own judgment as to the details in the case. he acts and all danger is past. Now the victory is won.

He returns home feeling that he has not lived in vain, feeling that he has acquitted himself manfully. and that henceforth he has a place in the affections of that household. And where is his reward. in the paltry sum he receives as fees?

I know not, but rather in the belief that he is fulfilling a noble mission.

Time rolls on. Scenes of trial and triumph succeed each other. Again he is called to the same household. which

is changed from that of rejoicing as before. to that of sorrow and anguish.

The young Parents are watching over their only darling who was the joy of the household.

He again enters into their feelings. he examines the little sufferer and finds that that dreaded and fatal disease Diphtheria has grasped that little loved one. With what anxiety those Parents watch the Physicians countenance. while he determines the nature of the disease. when he announces the name. that alone causes their hearts to sink within them.

But he attempts to console them by telling them

there is still a ray of hope.

What a burden of responsibility he feels now resting upon him while he thoughtfully and carefully selects the remedy. for he knows if he selects a wrong remedy now, there is not even a ray of hope left.

At early dawn he wends his way again to the place of suffering. he cannot stay away he has an anxiety akin to that of the Parents. they have watched constantly and they hope they can see a slight improvement. but they do not rejoice they dare not.

When the Physician examine the patient see those Parents again watch the expression of his

countenance. and before he utters a word they know their loved one is better. because they see an expression of satisfaction playing upon his countenance which they cannot misunderstand. and when he announces the fact. they raise their inmost souls in gratitude to God that he has given them back their loved one. and for such a Physician.

As he retires it is with a satisfaction that none can imagine. unless they have had a like experience. for he realizes. that he has relieved suffering. saved life. rejoiced the family. not only, but that he has seen a triumph of the noble science to which he is devoted

Such a Physician fills up the measure of his days with usefulness. he ameliorates the condition of Mankind. he makes the world better for having lived in it. he is loaded with honors, and crowded with friends

Such a man is an honor to the Profession.

He has fulfilled a "Noble Mission". his body goes down to the grave in peace. his soul goes up to God in triumph